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Sudden Oak Death creates a shared fuels problem for land managers, fire departments and private property owners.

Numerous neighboring organizations assist Point Reyes National Seashore with fire and fuels management. Thank you to the many partners who help the park improve fire safety and restore ecosystem health.



For More Information

Please call (415) 464-5133 if you have questions or comments about the Seashore's fire management program.

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E-mail Updates

If you would like to receive e-mail updates when burn days have been confirmed, please send your e-mail address to: Jennifer_Chapman@nps.gov

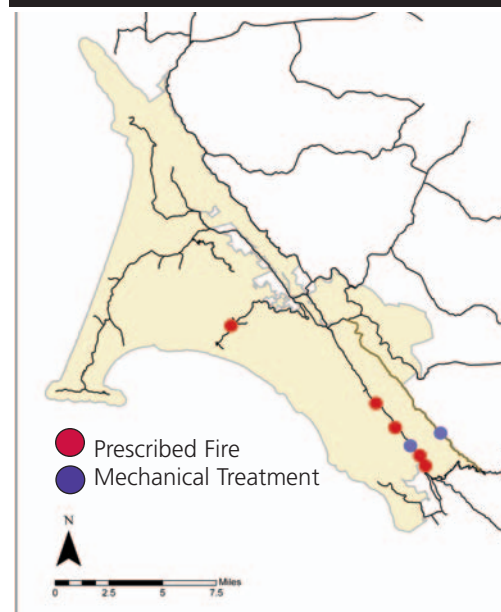
Point Reyes National Seashore Fire Management Web Pages

Information about prescribed burns, mechanical fuel treatments, and fire ecology at Point Reyes can be found on the park website.

www.nps.gov/pore/fire

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Creating fuelbreaks along key roads in the park and nearby communities

2009 Projects

Limantour Road

* Burn Unit F - 30 acres

Bolinas Ridge Fire Road

* 1 mile of thinning from McCurdy Trail intersection south toward Bolinas-Fairfax Road

Highway One

Prescribed Fire

* Dogtown - 30 acres
* Lime Kiln - 25 acres
* Hagmeir - 75 acres
* McCurdy - 76 acres

Eucalyptus Thinning

* Both sides of the road between Strain Hill and Teixeira Ranch



Roads provide critical infrastructure for emergency access, evacuation, and firefighting during a wildfire.

UPCOMING BURNS: 5 days of burning are planned between now and early November -- 1 day of burning along Limantour Road to keep the coyote brush low and widely spaced, and 4 days of burning along Highway One to control the invasive French broom population and maintain open areas of grassland.

THINNING PROJECTS: Understory thinning along the Bolinas Ridge Fire Road will create a safer ridge for firefighting. Removing resprouting eucalyptus in previously thinned stands along Highway One will prevent them from returning to dense groves.

These treatments will make it easier to control a wildfire along 3 major park corridors.

Fuel Reduction at Point Reyes



LIMANTOUR ROAD: Another section of vegetation along Limantour Road will be burned this year. A series of burn units are being developed between Limantour Beach and above the Point Reyes Hostel. These units will be burned on rotation to maintain an area where firefighters can safely control a wildfire. Diversifying the age in patches of coastal scrub will also enhance biodiversity.

“Take Responsibility” - A New Statewide Campaign

Wildland fires are not new to California. What is new is the number of homes being built in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI). While numbers vary, a September 2007 article at ScienceDaily.com cites that an estimated 41 per-cent of homes in California lie in WUI zones, with 3.2 million homes at significant risk from wild-fires, according to a report from the Government Accountability Office. Because of this, when fires sweep our state, the impact can be devastating.

To help prevent the spreading of wildfires in key WUI areas, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is launching the “Take Responsibility” campaign to reach homeowners about the importance of creating and maintaining 100 feet of defensible space around their homes and structures. Due to increased housing development, the public education campaign focuses on the following regions:

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| • Trinity | • Placer | • Tuolumne |
| • Shasta | • El Dorado | • Mariposa |
| • Butte | • Amador | • San Benito |
| • Nevada | • Calaveras | • Kern |

See also www.CAFireAlliance.com

Take Responsibility...

Protect your home from wildfires.

Create defensible space!

www.CAFireAlliance.com

West Marin Community Fire News

Grant for Fuel Reduction Along Roads and Fuelbreaks in Inverness and Inverness Park

A grant from the California Fire Safe Council to FIRESafe Marin last fall has provided \$154,000 to thin vegetation along 22 miles of roads in Inverness and Inverness Park, and to treat resprouting vegetation on approximately 50 acres in fuelbreaks located in Seahaven and Paradise Ranch Estates. Many of these areas were treated several years ago with funding provided by the National Park Service. This recent funding is provided by the U.S. Forest Service which is the largest source of funding for Community Assistance under the National Fire Plan. Generally the roadside treatments will remove understory vegetation and dead oak trees within 10 feet of the road. In some areas the treatments will extend for 20 feet or more.

“Maintenance needs vary with each site,” says Project Manager Mike Meszaros. “Coffeeberry may only need to be cut back every 3 to 5 years, but coyote brush requires treatment every other year.”

Roads to be treated include:
Fox Drive, Noren Way, McCarthy Court, Silver Hills Road, Balboa, Blackberry Lane, Drakes Summit, Buena Vista North and South, Portola, Carmencita, Upper Vallejo Avenue, Laurel Street, Kyles Wood, Drakes View Drive, Upper and Lower Roberts, Baywood Place, Carelton Place, Sunshine Court, Pinecrest, Elizabeth Court, Buck Point, Doyles Drive, Dover Road, Sunnyside Drive, Behr Lane, Redwood Drive, Sherwood Road, South and North Dreamfarm, Glenn Way, Highland Way, Trossach, Heather Lane, Kenneth Way, Sterling Way, Keith Way, Rannick Way, Vision Road, Woodhaven, Kehoe Way, Pine Hill Road, Miwok Way, Via della Vista, Stockstill Way, Via Sobrante, Sobre Vista, Escondido Way, Drake Way, Camino del Mar, and Shallow Beach Road.

Bolinas Agencies Partner to Reduce Roadside Fire Hazards on Bolinas Mesa

The Bolinas Fire Protection District and the Bolinas Public Utility District have joined forces to prioritize vegetation management on the Bolinas Gridded Mesa along roads that are critical for emergency access and egress as well as water line access. The three main arteries on the Mesa are Poplar, Alder and Elm. Other important roads that will be treated in the near future include parts of Locust, Larch, Hawthorn, Dogwood, Evergreen and Jute. According to Fire Chief Anita Tyrrell-Brown, the goal is that residents will have no more than one block to travel before accessing an egress road that has been sufficiently cleared of encroaching vegetation.

Inverness Chipping and Sudden Oak Death Programs Continue

The Inverness Public Utility District continues to help homeowners reduce their hazardous fuel by organizing a door-to-door chipping program and a Sudden Oak Death consultation program for Inverness residents. Consultants are available through the Inverness Fire Department to evaluate trees for Sudden Oak Death, and help prioritize the greatest hazards.

For More Information

FIRESafe Marin - 415-446-4420
Bolinas Fire Protection District - 415-868-1566
Inverness Fire Department - 415-669-7151

See also www.firesafemarin.org